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Letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a joint communiqué issued on 11 September 2003 by the representatives of the Union de transports aériens (UTA) flight 772 families and the Gaddafi International Foundation for Charity Associations concerning the attack on the UTA DC 10 aircraft on 19 September 1989 (see annex).

This document refers to an agreement reached with a view to a final settlement of this matter, in conformity with the relevant Security Council resolutions and, in particular, resolutions 731 (1992) and 748 (1992). Accordingly, the French authorities consider that there are no longer any grounds to oppose the lifting of the sanctions on the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. They expect the Libyan party to implement fully the commitments it has made in the agreement referred to in the aforementioned document.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 160, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jean-Marc **de La Sablière**

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Joint communiqué

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Gaddafi International Foundation for Charity Associations

DC 10 Families in Anger !

On 10 September 2003, the Gaddafi International Foundation for Charity Associations and the "DC 10 Families in Anger !" signed an agreement to set up a French foundation, the purpose of which will be the payment of an amount to the victims' families. This agreement will, as a consequence, pave the way for a total withdrawal of any claim against Libya or Libyan nationals concerned by the disaster not already settled by a court and for the renunciation to any civil or criminal action before French or international courts related to the UTA DC 10 disaster.

"DC 10 Families in Anger !" and the Gaddafi International Foundation for Charity Associations have a common will to reach a final settlement within one month from the date of the signature leading to full reconciliation and the re-establishment of friendship between the two peoples without any reservation.

A second press release will be published 13 September 2003.